Output and demand of fertilizer

523. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTER-JEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between the output and the demand of fertilizers during the last three years;

(b) the total amount of subsidy-given to fertilizer industry during the above period; and

(c) the cost of fertilizers imported during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The requisite details are given below: —

Gap between demand (consumption) and production of fertilizers (in lakh tonnes)

1›

Year	Nitrogenous Fertilizers (Nitrogen)	Phosphatic Fertilizers (P_2O_5)
1982-83	8.00	4·57
1983-84	17.20	6.8[illegible]
1984-85 (Estimated)	17.27	6.01[illegible]

There is no indigenous production of Potash (K) and its entire requirements are met through imports.

(b) The amount of subsidy incurred on indigenous fertilizers was as follows: —

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Year	Amount of subsidy
1982-83	550
1983-84	900
1984-85	1200

(c) Value of imports of fertilizers during the last three years is given below:—

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Year	Value of imports
1982-83	273-53
1983-84	365.00
1984-85	1435.00 (approx.)

Joint venture with PDIL

524. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the multinational company — Haider Topse has given proposals for joint venture with PDIL, a public sector organisation;

(b) if so, what will be the percentage of equity share in the joint venture; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the proposed joint venture is nothing else but an attempt to takeover the PDIL's catalyst manufacturing activity?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and(c) Do not arise.

Acute shortage of Medicine Dialantin

1-525. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are-aware that there is an acute shortage

% _____

fPreviously Unstarred Question 175 transferred from the 24th July, 1985.

of medicine 'Dialantin' an essential drug for the. treatment of epilepsy;

(b) if so, what are the reasons the'refor; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to make the medicine available?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Some reports of localised shortages of 'Dialantin' for mulations are received during the last few months.

(b) M/s. Palrke Davis, (the manu facturers of Dialantin formulations, have informed that such shortages have arisen due to some technical problems caused in the production of formulations.

(c) The manufacturers we're advis ed immediately to rush stocks to the reported areas of shortages'. It is understood that manufacturers are arranging to rush supplies to the af fected areas and have also overcome the technical problems disturbing the production of the formulations. The availability position is, therefore, likely to improve shortly.

Production of Soda Ash by Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation, Haldia Complex

526. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the reasons for the failure of the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation, Haldia Complex to produce Soda Ash?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL); While the Soda Ash plant at the Haldia Complex of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation has been completed, it could not go into production, since the other plants of this complex with which this plant is integrated are not yet commissioned.

Strike by RMS employees

527. SHRI N. E. BALARAM<
SHRI GURUDAS (DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Railway Mail Service (RiMS) and Mail Motor Service went on a day's strike on the 6th June this year all Over the country to press their demands;

(b) if so, what are the details of thejJr demands, and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some 80 employees belonging to Reserve Trained Pool were suspended in West Bengal for taking part in the above-said strike; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the postal employees all over the State had been on a strike on this issue; if so, the details and the steps taken to settle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MI-RDHA): (a) A section of the RMS and MMS employees went on H strike on 6-6-1985.

(b) The following demands were put forth by the All India RMS and MMS Employees Union Cass III and the Bhartiya RMS Employees Union Class ni—

(1) Restoration of all sorting sec-tiens/sortirig mail ' offices/sets and